

SHAKER COLLECTION

Item 350 1

This little book is written by
Eliza Peter, to Brother Athamer.

Aug. 16th 1840. —

now beloved brother, I will tell you how I came by this privilege, it was pretty Mother Ruth, who gave it to me, she has written a book with her own hand to the Chh, at Union Village, and in it there is a communication for all of her faithful children, whom she nourished and supported under her care, while in their youth and childhood, when she was on earth, and I can tell you brother Athamer, she has not forgotten you, may be she often is with you, and helps you, pretty Mother Ruth now says, tell my little boy, I have a rich blessing for him, tell him I do not forget him altho he is not numbered with the rest of my little flock, in outward things at this time, yet his spirit is near to me, and always when I have a rich present for that company, I send a portion of it to him, by some of my little children whom he cannot see with his natural eyes, yet I believe he senses & realizes a blessing from that source, rather he is really told, by any visible agent or not, now beloved brother, I will tell you just what Mother Ruth says to you, she says be you encouraged my little son, and keep the precious prize in view, and if you will be faithful and wise, and cleave to the order of the gospel, you soul shall be daily fed with the rich blessings of Heaven, Mother says, she does not want you to let the cares of this world deprive you of any heavenly blessing that is laid up for you, but she wants you to labour for the precious gifts of God, and really feel the necessity of them, she says if you will they will be a strength and protection to you. Pretty Mother says, she wants you to know that her protecting hand is always with you, when you are in simple obedience, and she also wants you to know, that you are encircled in her golden chain, with the rest of her little children, and so long as you walk in simple obedience, and bow your soul to the order of the gospel, the links of this beautiful chain can never be broken, but will be strengthened by the power and gifts of God, and pure love to one another, pretty Mother says there is a link in this chain for every one of her little children, and just as much as they are given up in simple obedience, just so much they are able to strengthen it, but if they will be disobedient, and will not listen to the precious counsel, that is given them from time to time, they will break the pure links of love which combines this chain together, they

will do it them selves, and will have no one else to blame but
them selves, but when it is too late, they will have to reflect on
them selves for their disobedience. — Now beloved brother, pretty
Mother Ruth sends you a pretty present, she says, she wants you
to remember, and make a good use of it, it is a large, and bea-
utiful golden cup, for you to carry in your right hand and
gather heavenly blessings, she says, if you will remember and
will be simple enough to receive the blessings, she will see
that it is kept full all the time, yea she has engaged me
at this time to stay with you and keep your cup full, and
this privilege I feel very thankful for, because I really love you
and feel so much for you, that I feel willing to do any thing
that my Heavenly Mother wants me to, she says, when you feel
much tribulation, in consequence of the weight and burden
that rests upon you, she does not want you to feel discour-
aged, nor cast down, nor try to do more than you are able
but when you feel the heaviest trials in things temporal
and spiritual, then pretty Mother wants you to sense and
realize, the help that is given you from the invisible source
then she wants you to remember that your cup is full, and
it is to strengthen and comfort you in simple obedience. Mother
says, she does not want you to take more upon you than you
are able to bear, for you cannot receive so great a blessing
in so doing, she says, you must devote some of your time in
laboring for heavenly gifts, for if you do not, your soul will
become poor and destitute. — Now beloved brother, Holy Mother
has requested me to write a little in this book for her, she says
she wants you to receive her love and blessing, and feel comforted,
for the time will come, and is near at hand, that her children
on earth, will be so strongly united together, and will feel
such heavenly love for one another, altho they reside in different
societies, and some a good way apart, yet the bands of love and
gospel union will be made so strong, that their spirits will
feel very near together, yea they shall feel as tho they are
all of one family, O what comfort and consolation it will
be to her when her little children on earth, really become
united together as she wants them to be, then she says

she can shower her blessings upon them, without anything in the way to hinder. — Now beloved Brother, I will give you a large roll of ~~Matthews~~ love and blessing, and it is beautified with heavenly simplicity. she says, her children must be little and simple, if they expect to obtain the precious prize. Now brother Ithamer, I have another pretty present from Mother Ruth to you, it is a robe, composed of the living power of God, and thankfulness, she says if you will be simple and obedient and obey her voice, she will clothe you with the power of God, and she wants you to be thankful for it. pretty Mother Ruth says, she will not rest satisfied until the souls of her children are made free, particularly those she is calling on in such a special manner, she says they must stand as shining lights, to those that will look to them for a goodly example. — now beloved brother I have written all that pretty Mother wants me to at this time.

now beloved I want you to receive my love in these words there is nothing on earth, too precious to sacrifice, for the rich blessings of Heaven. ~~And~~ I am not going to leave you, for you know pretty Mother Ruth told me I must keep your cup full all the time. now I must close this little book in love. —

Here is a trunk of presents from Mother to the Glens. —

A gold trumpet from Mother to Ithamer, to blow off discouragements. —

From
Mother Ruth
to
Brother James

August 16 1840

An Evening Prayer.

O Lord in thy mercy keep and protect me through the night and,
and I humbly pray thee to send some good spirit, to watch and guard
me while I sleep. And should I be permitted to live another day
I will strive to be faithfull and take up my cross against all light
and ~~any~~ evil thoughts feelings and actions; and under every circum-
= stance to speak the truth without any deviation. And while on
my bending knees I pray earnestly to the giver of all good to help
me keep this my determination. Amen.

A.G.

A Morning Prayer.

O Lord to thee I return my sincere Thanks, for thy protection through
the night. And to thee O mercifull Father do I pray for strength
to enable me this day to walk in the path of obedience, which I
believe is the only way to Heaven. O may I not be left to treat any
older brethren and sisters in any way unbecoming. Nor set any
bad examples before those that are younger than I am.

And to the spirit of all good, I pray that I may be a good child
and if called to leave this world may have a place among the bright
angels of God in heaven. Amen.

(A.G.)

Another Shower of Flesh & Blood.

Mr. Wm. M. Inlow a gentleman of undoubted veracity related to me as follows: On Saturday last whilst he and his two sons were picking cotton on his plantation, the younger son called to the others, who were a little distance from him, to listen, for he heard something falling near him. They went to him and found the ground strewn with what appeared to them to be pieces of meat, varying from the size of an ounce ball to larger than a hen's egg. These pieces were very moist, and as red as blood or any thing else could make them, and the grass, cotton, or whatever they came in contact with, was stained as with blood. They were scattered several feet apart, over a space of ground some twenty or thirty yards in width, and they examined it for something like fifty yards without coming to the end of it.

I was informed of it yesterday, and went in company with two gentlemen to visit the place in person. We were so lucky as to find some of the articles still remaining, and all agreed that it had the appearance of flesh, of the finest mould, much finer than we had ever seen before. Some of the pieces seemed to be entirely fat, but most of it lean, very red and somewhat transparent, when held up toward the light; but it was considerably dried when I saw it, having lain twenty four hours.

The shower fell about the middle of the day, while the sun was shining, and a few light clouds were in the atmosphere, but nothing visible could be assigned as the cause, for the phenomenon.

Union District, S. C.

October 30th, 1843.

S. M. Davis.

Wisdoms Valley November 10. 1841

This evening while taking our leave of the Elders in the First Order, (as we expected to return to the Holy Mount on the morrow) the Angel of Repentance brought a large vessel or fountain of the Waters of Repentance. This, he said, was a gift from Holy Eternal Wisdom to the holy Anointed of Zion on earth. This gift of the Holy waters of Repentance is given to the Beloved Ministry to extend to every Society of Believers throughout Zion as far as they in their wisdom may see fit. And thus saith the Holy Angel of Repentance: O ye holy Anointed Ones, by the will of your Holy Eternal Parents, and the two Anointed Ones of Heaven I have brought unto you this holy & precious Gift in a Vessel of pure Gold, which is a special notice from Holy Eternal Wisdom, unto you.

And it is the will of your Holy Holy Mother that this Gift should be carried to the Holy Mount, and administered through you to her true and faithful children in the Church, and throughout the Society, as far as you may feel a Gift.

And if so be, that in your wisdom you think proper to extend this holy and sacred Gift, either East or West, to the Societies at a distance, A MAN even so let it be.

And thus say I the holy Angel of Repentance once, I myself will accompany you to the Holy Mount, and when ever you feel to administer this precious Gift, in the first and second Orders of the Church, in that place, I will manifest my self through whatever Instrument you may choos, and make known to you a further word concerning it. And furthermore, saith the Holy Angel, Ye have received in addition to the foregoing, a choice vessel of the love, blessing & strenght

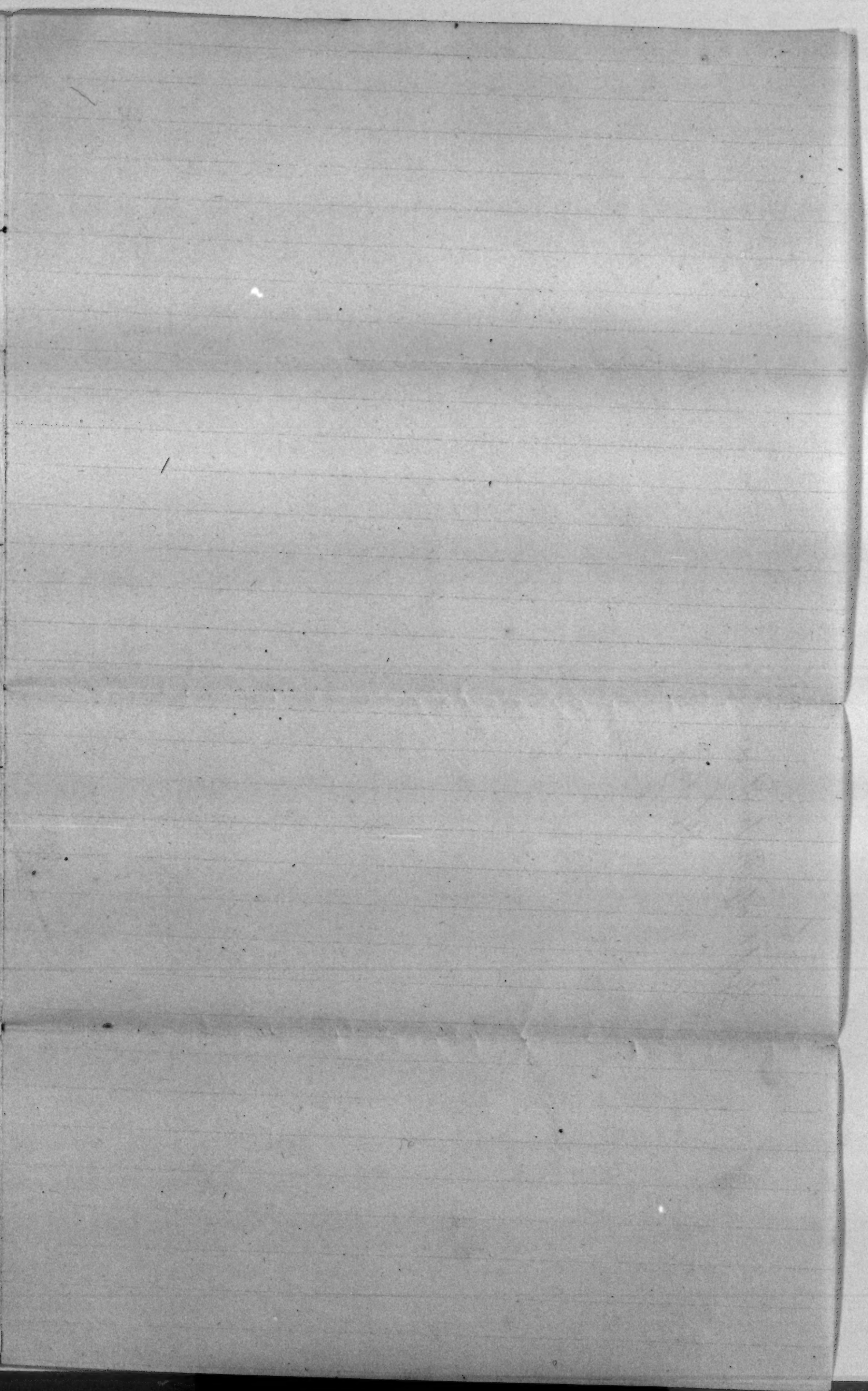
of your Holy and Eternal Parents, the blessed Savior &
your blessed Mother Ann, for you to administer with the
Holy Gift of repentance unto every true and faithful son
and daughter, where ever you feel —
Thus ends my word, saith the Holy Angel of Repentance
Receive ye my love and my blessing, and freely bestow of
the same upon the little ones whom ye may choose as
Instruments for me.

And now saith the Holy Angel of Eternal Light and Love,
O ye Holy Anointed Ones, I have also brought a rich
treasure from Holy Eternal Wisdom, to all her true and
faithful children at the Holy Mount. And thus it is
I have brought a beautiful Box six inches square, contain-
ing many beautiful gifts and presents, which are for the
Beloved Anointed to deal out according to your best wisdom.
This box may ^{be} examined by any Instrument you may choose,
by whom the contents thereof may be made known, &
distributed according to your wisdom.

This Box may be retained by Eldrep Ruth, as it is a choice present
from Holy Wisdom unto her. This Box is richly adorned with
precious gems and pearls, which are emblematical of the purity of
the treasure which is contained therein. And with this rich
treasure receive ye my love and my blessing, and extend ye the
same as you may feel, says I the Holy Angel of Eternal
light and love.

Instrument Austin Buckingham
To beloved Children of our ever blessed Mother, who dwell in the
far west receive ye freely and bountifully of all the love, blessing
and treasures contained or promised in these communications.

N B We have given Elder John a little Book which
was taken out of the above mentioned Box. It is a present
to him and his three companions in the Ministry.
In the half of the Ministry Holy Mount Rufus



No 2
Gift of Repentance
N. G.

A Letter From Mother Ann to the beloved
temporal stewards

Beloved and much loved
Children hearten to the love of your blessed Mother
Ann truly and beautifully bestowed upon you at this
time truly receive my richest and best love from
my beautiful store how pleasant is this the day
of your blessing how good the ministration of peace
unto you at this time faithful laborers in my holy
vineyard I will reward you with the out pouring
of heavenly blessings how pleasant to my spirit
to see my children willing to bear a burden in
my house the offerings of such is highly acceptable
unto the Lord the willing and obedient are the
ones that receive my blessing and partake of my
love my children be cheerful and of good cheer
for the day of good tidings are at hand for God
in his wisdom and goodness will bless his people
in their basket and in their store and plenty will
abound with my children if they make prudence
and economy their constant companions not
forgetting generosity and charity to the poor
and truly distressed, my children I will at this
time fill the cup of your blessing to overflowing
and I have with this some little presents for
you I will give each of you a little cup full of my love
and blessing which in scripture you may drink
here is a basket full of good things for you. 1st is
a golden chain of union of 4 chords to bind you
unto me in inseparable bonds here is a little basket
for each containing the grains of industry and economy
this I desire you to sew and throw out to the
brethren and sisters who may truly gather of
this good and precious gift here is a little love
for the sister containing neatly done up two holy rails
such as my holy children wear (when desired) in my
heavenly mansions here is also a little love containing
balls of remembrance also balls of reflection that you
may often think of Mother Ann here is holy healing

gifts for you here is a box containing beautiful robes of
gospel tribulation for the increase of Zion in adorning
and beautifying your borders in bringing all things
under you come into the order of the gospel receive
with these presents the love and remembrance of your
heavenly Parents be of good cheer my children is
the words of my loving farewell to you at this time
Mother Ann

Beloved Elders I feel thankful for this privilege and gift
for your beloved temporal burden bearers and stewards
at this time my beloved have in you wisdom good care
for the ministering and safe keeping of these gifts
any way or manner that you wisdom may direct
will be acceptable unto us all the presents boxes are
are safely placed upon the writing I would be glad
for all my children to hear my blessings and love upon
the brethren and Sisters who are willing to bear a
temporal burden such souls are lovely unto me and
upon such will the blessing of the almighty rest

Brother James I have waited with some patience
for the writing of this, and as I feel the way now
opened I will in due season attend to the
remaining letter. I feel glad and thankful that
you are released from the employment of a uned
spirit to perform labor my spirit at this time feels
better at rest the spirit of this world is wicked and
polluting and great charity must be extended to
an instrument employed about and with the same
spirit had not been for seemingly unmarred
circumstances the letter would have been as
before this time however it is not too late for a
blessing Beloved receive my love Father James
Jun 17 1844

X
Temporal
Stewards

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Proceedings of the visit of our Heavenly Father (V. P.)
beginning with the aged O. C. H. Ins. of our Heavenly Father
and P. A. Ins. of the Holy witnessing Angel. the year 1844 act.
Q. do you believe that according to all the promises respecting
the visitation of your Heavenly ^{Father} to this part of this Zion that
your heavenly ^{Father} have now come Ans. I do and do you believe
also that I have come to bless all who have prepared themselves
in honesty of heart to meet me in peace Ans. I do Q. and do
you also believe that I have placed here in my Zion a Holy
and faithful lead to lead and direct my people in the way
of salvation and peace Ans. I do Q. and will you yield the most
strict and unfailing obedience to these my lovely Shepherds in all
things Ans. I will Q. and would you be willing to receive from
me your Heavenly Father a beautiful gold Tablet of my everlasting
love blessing and strength to you at this time Ans. I would be truly thankful
to receive it and will you ^{send the same} receive it from me as ^{your Heavenly Father} a memorial of
my everlasting love blessing strength and comfort to you which will
ever remain with you thro time if you are faithful to keep my holy
way to strengthen comfort and bless you; wherein is also written the
name of the Lord your God and which will not only be with you
thro time to comfort & bless you but will be a source of endless
comfort to you thro^{out} the endless ages of eternity. Ans. I truly
would. Q. would you be willing to receive the same from your
Elder Bro. Ans. I would it is the will of our Heavenly Father to that
the Elder of that child shall reach forth his hand and receive from
me this beautiful tablet which I have placed on the ^{north} end of the beauron
and place it on the breast of the same. This being done Q. would you
be willing (as the person needed when they come before their heavenly Father)
to rise and make three low bows to our Heavenly Father in token
of thanks to Him ^{for} the rich blessing you have now received from
his hand Ans. I will freely do it This being done the Ins. proceeded
with a further portion of his blessing to the individual.

Behold I your heavenly Father have brought unto you at this
time a rich store of my never ending blessing which I freely
bestow upon you you that have born the burden and heat

of the day & have freely sacrificed all to build up & support my cause
here upon earth know ye not that your all your sufferings labor
and toil is remembered by me your heavenly Father and I will reward
you double ^{as} I will pour upon you without weight or measure
the richest of my blessing for the same ^{As} my blessings shall
show ^{down on earth} upon you during my visitation here in the Gion of my likeness
like the dew of heaven or like the summer rains upon the
tender plants for know ye that I have by no means disregarded
or passed over the trials the suffering & labor which you have
undergone to support and maintain my holy cause but have
kept a strict account of them all and you will yet see the
day if you continue faithful that you will feel yourself a
thousand times rewarded for all your troubles and all the
sacrifices which you have made ^{As} I will light a lamp
which will shine so bright and clear before you that you
can see your way clear & plain into the mansions of eternal
rest and peace, that glorious mansion of everlasting felicity which
I have prepared ^{for all} those of my chosen who continue faithful to the end
and I will now crown you with my ^{blessings} ~~garments~~ and clothe you with
a garment of my love and will you now promise before me
your heavenly Father that you never will reveal one word of this
my visitation to you to any mortal save your ministry & elders
And I do promise that I will not, and will you also promise that
you will ^{never} question with any other person ^{or persons} respecting my notice to them
with a view to illicit from them any thing on the subject And I
promise that I will not. Behold in wisdom have I laid the
plan of my visitation to the Gion of my likeness here upon earth
and with glory and blessing shall it be crowned to all those
who are prepared to meet me in peace, the word of your heavenly
Father to you is now ended. ^{and the remaining angel is about to record the same} The word of the witnessing Angel
I do bear witness says the Angel to the word and will of your heavenly Father
to you at this time and I also bear witness of the rich and beautiful blessings
of your heavenly Father which he has ^{so freely} bestowed upon you at this time And now
enter upon the sacred pages the same together with the exact state and solemn
promises you have made to your heavenly Father all which you will meet when you
enter the eternal world

The following is a copy of a Letter from Mother Ann, directed to the Elders of the North House, for the benefit of the Visionists there.

Beloved Elders, I have a few words to speak to you in relation to one thing which has burdened me; I will now tell you what it is — It is in relation to the visionists delivering the messages that is given them. I want them to deliver the messages that is given them, themselves — unless there is something given out which should not be spoken of in public. The visionists do generally know when their messages are to be delivered in public — and when they are not. So be sure, if they have a message given them, & they do not know whether to deliver it or not — on account of its being strange or uncommon, they ought to tell it to their Elders, & they can tell them what to do with it. The reason dear Elders that I make this request of you — to have the visionists deliver the messages that are given; is because that many of my messages when delivered to the Brethren & Sisters, was not the same thing that the visionists received at all! Some of the visionists have been so proud, & felt so careless about what they received that they would think this — well I will go & tell the Elders about the substance, & they may do what they please with it. And if the message is very tough, (as they call it,) they will mumble it over in such a way that their Elders ~~that their Elders~~ could not gather much of it — They would deliver to be sure what they thought was given them, & would think well — I hope she did not hear the toughest part! Dear Elders, I can tell you that I have been much grieved to hear my messages delivered so far from what was given. I will tell you something more about some of the visionists which has grieved me very much. I will tell you a little about how some of them feels, & what they think, & how they talk sometimes. I have heard two or three of them say — I wish in my soul that I had never been called to be a visionist! I am sorry that Mother ever picked me — I wish she had called somebody else! O, how thankful I should feel if the Elders would release me! I never hated to do any thing so bad in my life, as I do to speak in meeting — or even go to the Elders, I would be nearly as willing to be in the fire, as to speak one word in meeting! I would not hate it so bad, if every body believed in Mother's work — but they do not! and that is the worst of it. I just think when Mother gives me a message, that no body will believe it. and indeed I know that a great many does not believe a word that the visionists says; for I have heard them say they do not! I have seen and heard some talk whole hours about the visionists; they would bring up all the messages that the visionists had spoken — they would talk about them, & pick flaws in them — They would say one to another I think it is a queer Mother that talks so! If Mother talks to us as the visionists say she does, I think she is a strange Mother! But I do not believe she does! I do not believe that the visionists sees Mother! Then they would bring out heavy sighs & say, O, what the devil will do with creatures that gives themselves up to him! O, Lord, how long — how long — how much longer will we have to listen to the devil's deceitful lying tongue! I have seen some sit and talk this way for hours! Yea, & I have heard them say worse things than this! I have often thought when I have heard them talk so much about the visionists — O, that I could be released. I have often heard them bring up messages that I had brought, till I was nearly as mad as fire at them. And at other times when they got to talking, I would just think — well, I will never speak another word for Mother so long as I live — I will just give up & let the devil take me, if he wants me — I expect he will get me any how! I do not believe there is a brother or sister on the place that can bear the sight of me! I know that some hates me as bad as they can, and I do not know but all do!

I will now drop this subject & tell you of another way that some of the visionists feels, & thinks; which causes the devil to take the advantage of them sometimes, & get them under a great weight. I will tell you what this weight is composed of — It is composed of a pinch, pretty pride, stinking modesty, & great big Me. Those

that receive this weight is apt to think this - I am as much of a man as any body - Or I am as much of a woman as any body. And sometimes the devil will throw discouragement, & death upon them - and they will feel as tho' it was nearly impossible for them to unite with the gifts of God at all. I will tell you when it is that the devil takes the advantage of the visionists in this way - It is when they try to shun all the messages they can - & other mortification - and when they feel afraid to labor for the power of God, or gifts of God, for fear that such, & such ones will see them & think it is all, only just a pretence. Some of my visionists have held back many messages that I have given them. They would not deliver them themselves, nor give them to their Elders to deliver, for fear of getting a little mortification. Nay, they would not tell their Elders of it afterwards, for fear of getting some reproof! I have seen some of my visionists go whole days, yea, & weeks, with the burden of these things on their mind. They would know that they were in disobedience. They would think this, well. I do not know what I shall do - I cannot bear to tell the Elders. O, I do feel so uncomfortable, I believe I have more trouble than any body else - I am troubled near about to death. I do wish I was not a visionist I would have so much happier times - I could then have some peace of my life - I would not have to be weighed down with such a burden as I do now. If I had never been called to be a visionist, I would not have so much to torment me. I often look at some that are not visionists, & think, O, how much happier you are, than I am - I wish that I was in your place! I have seen some of my visionists sit hours, & ponder over such things as this, they would study up all that they had ever heard about the visionists; & they would get so discouraged, & feel so cast down that they would think they could scarce get about. And others I have seen sit & ponder over messages that they themselves had brought. They would think - O holy Mother, what I have delivered! They would sit & ponder them over till they would feel so ashamed & cast down that they could scarce meet any of their brethren or Sisters without fearing that they were thinking of the same thing! Yea, & I have seen some of my visionists sit & ponder over the messages they had brought, till their faces would color up, & they would feel so ashamed that they would think O, what shall I do! Mother says I want the visionists to shake off all these old things that binds them so - yea, & all that binds them at all. Mother says you need not take any burden about what people says about you. I want you dear children, you that have so much trouble - to shake it off, & set out anew; I know you can if you will.

Mother says, now dear Elders I am going to change my subject & tell you what I want the visionists to do. I want all that are called to be visionists, to set out anew - I want them to come into a further increase. I do not feel at all satisfied with some that I have called to work for me. Some feel too stupid, & lazy to do my work as it were - but they think it is because they feel so discouraged, & cast down that they cannot do any thing for me any more. And others again are too afraid of mortification to do my work right. They do not deliver the messages that are given them. There is one or two that does try to do what I tell them to - and the rest - what I get them to do is by the hardest. Mother says dear children, I hope you will not think that I do not love you is the reason why I talk so to you, for that is not the case - I love you, & I want you to be more awake in the gift that you are called in. I want you to feel more united than you do. You do not feel united enough. As you are all called to work for me, & deliver my words, you should all be united in the same spirit. You ought to strive to love each other in the fear of God, & in true simplicity & obedience. You ought to feel low and subject; free & willing to do any thing that I tell you to do, if it is ever so little & simple - or ever so tough - And you ought to feel ready at all times to strengthen each other. Mother says you can strengthen each other a great deal if you will. You ought to

feel alive in my work all the time. You never ought to give away to let old pinch take the advantage of you. I say again, you had all ought to feel an interest in my work - you ought to have your ears & eyes open all the time, & be ready to receive any thing that me, or any other good spirit feels to give you. You had never ought to wait one for another, & think such a one has a greater gift than I have - Or they are older visionists than I am - Or they can do better what I want them to do, than you can. You had never ought to hearken to such a spirit as this. If all should hearken to this spirit, it would soon get all to feel as if the rest could do better than them; so it would get you all bound - But I hope dear children that you will not let this spirit take the advantage of you.

Now good Elders I feel as tho' I could not close my letter without telling you another thing. Some of the visionists when I give them a message will wait, & wait, to see if I will not give it to some of the rest - and if I should give it to another one, perhaps they would wait to see if some of the rest would not bring it out after a while. And they will feel very uneasy, & uncomfortable all the time, knowing that they are in disobedience. So they have waited for one another till the message would be entirely neglected! Some would say, well I could not get to Elder Sister no way at all!

I will mention another thing - I have given the visionists a message, & they would bring it out - I would then tell another, that that was true, & add something more to it - Then that I would give this to, would think this - well they have told about all - it is not worth while for me to say it is true - or to give out this little addition; they have told about the substance of the thing, & I think that with answer - I cannot bear to run away round to the Elders, to tell them such a trifling thing as that!

Mother says, and many times I give two visionists nearly the same message - one perhaps would give out what they received, and the other would think I am very glad they gave out that message for now I will not have to give out mine, for it is nearly the same thing - the Brethren & Sisters will not care about hearing the same thing over again - and as to all the difference there is, I think it is not worth mentioning. Mother says, in such a case as this, you could say, Mother gave me nearly the same thing, & you could tell what little difference there was, this would strengthen & encourage the other a great deal. It is the duty of every visionist to speak what I give them - in this way you can strengthen & encourage each other a great deal, this is very necessary, as some of you are lacking in confidence.

Now I think I shall have to begin to draw to a close by desiring my little children to take fresh courage, & new zeal. But I will give you a pretty present - it is a chain to encircle you with. This beautiful chain is composed of confidence, strength, power, freedom, lowly-subjection, love, union & the fear of God. You may ask your beloved Elders to encircle you in this beautiful chain. It is a very strong one, & a very beautiful one. I will give you liberty to look at this chain as often as you want to. My dear children, will you receive this from your tender Mother. I can assure you that I do love you. O, do be faithful, do.

Now beloved Elders, will you receive my love & blessing. Here is a large roll of it; you may take it, & do with it as you feel to.

Farewell - From Mother Ann to the Elders.

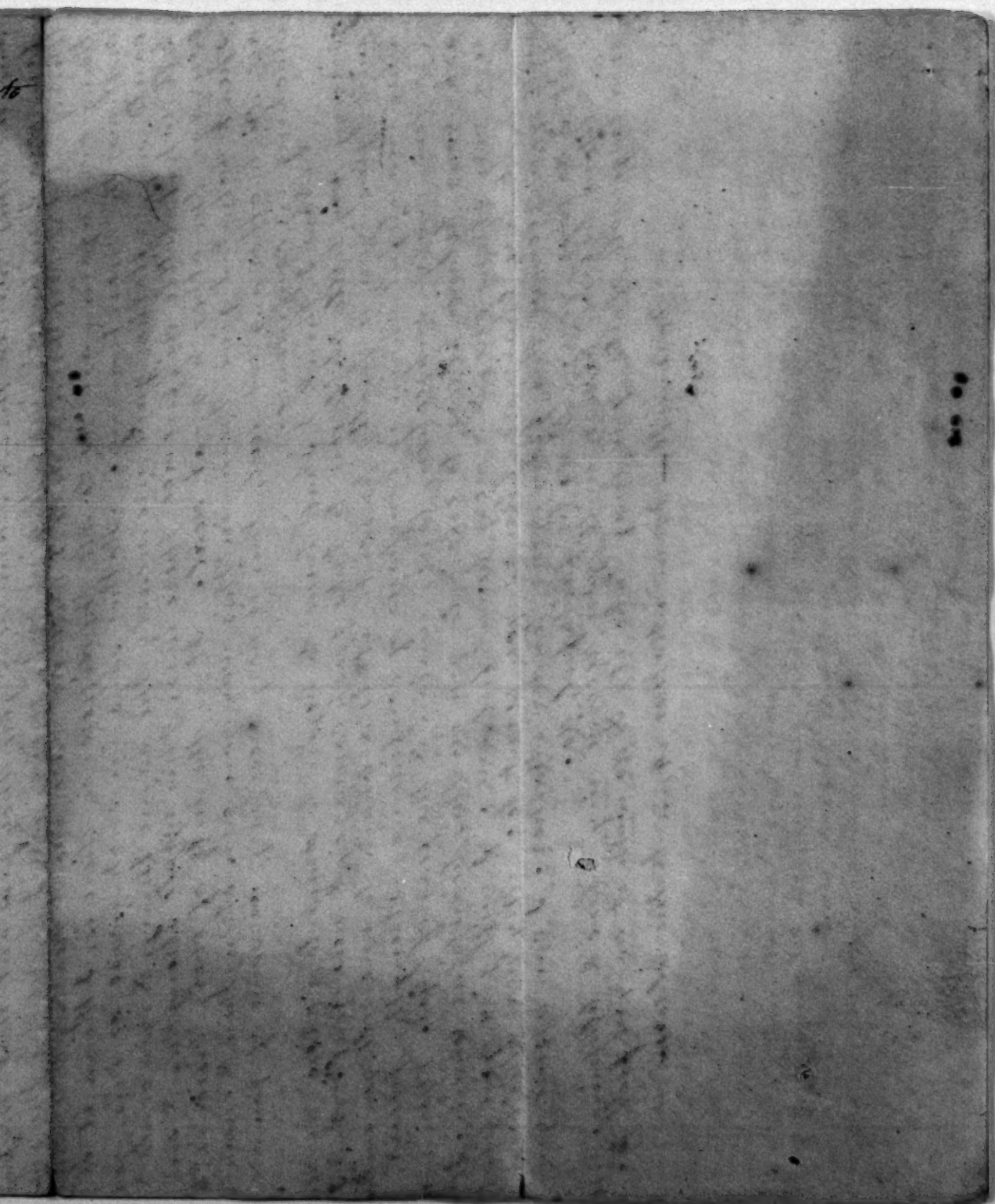
A Letter

From Mother Ann to
the Elders of the North
Brick, concerning her
Instruments.

June 23^d 1840.

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature, likely belonging to Mother Ann, consisting of a large initial 'A' followed by a series of loops and a small flourish at the end.

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A Proclamation given at Union Village January 5th
A proclamation of the Holy Angel of power given at 12 different
Watches commencing the 2^d of January on Tuesday morning one o'clock
1st Watch Awake Awake O Zion Awake for I the mighty angel of
Power have come in the hour when midnights darkness ~~dark~~
doth cover the land to warn Zions children to awake and to remove
remove the stumbling block out of the way and repent the ~~angel~~
Angel then sounded on his trumpet too too too too too too.

--- 2nd Watch Monday morning one o'clock - Awake Awake O
Zion awake awake to the voice of me the mighty angel of
Power for behold I have come forth from the throne of the
Eternal to sound an alarm in the ears of the sleeper in Zion
for behold I have withdrawn my arm of protection from the transgressors
in Zion but peace peace unto him and unto her who have clean
hands and an upright heart and have kept my holy laws.

--- 3rd Watch Thursday morning Awake O Zion Awake Awake to
the voice of me the mighty angel of power who have come forth from
the throne of the Eternal my word is to perform and my mission
is to execute for I will in nowise repent of the evil I have purposed to
bring on the transgressors in Zion but O ye vastave I will not hurt
the oil and the wine --- 4th Watch Friday morning

Awake Zion Awake to the voice of me the holy angel of power
who have come from the throne of the Eternal for behold justice
is to the line and righteousness to the plummet and all who will not
walk there unto shall be cut off from my holy ~~Pe~~ People ---

--- 5th Watch Saturday morning awake Awake O Zion awake
Awake to the voice of me the holy angel of Power for behold I have
come from the throne of the Eternal has not God visited his Zion
in every peculiar manner for some yeary past what have you done
with my precious gifts have you not cast them behind you O Zion
O Zion how oft would I have gathered thee as a hen gathereth her
chickens but ye would not but unto you who have been faithful to
keep my precious gifts I say unto you yeasts for I have laid a new
a blessing which shall never be taken from you ---

before the Lord there God, ----- 12th Watch
Saturday Morning 12 o'clock Awake Zion Awake
Come and let us reason together - - - - -

The first order of the Church arose at midnight prepared
and assembled into their meeting Room 20 minutes after
12 o'clock then to speak as the spirit gave utterance
commencing with Brother Stephen spinning and then
according to age Brother and ~~alternately~~ sister alternately,
4th question Are you willing to answer any question & the holy
Angel of Power and judgment shall ask you regardless
of fear or favor of any mortal, - 2^d Do you believe that the
true anointing of God is placed in the present Ministry
and Elders, - - 3^d Do you believe that God has placed in them
Wisdom and strength to guide the Church aright, -
4th Do you believe that it is their right and privilege to
overrule and control all things both spiritual and temporal
for the welfare of the Church, ... 5th Have they ever done
any thing but what deserves your union and respect
- 6th Are you willing to enter into a covenant before God and your
Brethren and Sisters that you will obey them in all things - -
- 7th Will you ever suffer a spirit of rebellion to rise up against them
- 8th Are you willing to seal this covenant by placing your hand
into the hand of your Elder, Brother or sister ... Thus every
Brother and sister in the Assembly over the age of 18 years
obligated themselves to strictly keep and live up to the
proceeding questions - - - after which Elder John Beane
a lengthly dream and related the important part of another
then the meeting closed being 3 hours long, the session
throughout was very solemn and interesting and conducted
with remarkable wisdom firmness and regularity yet
mild and beautiful in a particular manner - - -

Note the 1st & 2^d first watches were proclaimed at the
hour of one the Morning the 9th and 10th at half past 12 o'clock
in the morning the 11th at one and the 12th at mid night

4th Watch Sabbath morning Awake O Zion awake to the voice of me the holy Angel of Power for behold I have come forth from the throne of the Eternal and grow not weary of my word for behold my word is to Zion at the time for the day has come to those who follow the Lord for the loves and fishes shall be greatly opened because of Him,-----

5th Watch Monday morning awake awake O Zion awake to the voice of me the watchman of the night for behold thy God hath prepared for thee a cup of deep tribulation and suffering which shall in no wise pass away thy beauty shall increase in suffering and thy glory in deep tribulation,-----

6th Watch Tuesday morning Awake Awake crieth the watchman of the night Awake awake crieth the Watchman of the night arise and I will shew you a sign concerning the work of God thus saith the Lord as a Woman sweepeth the House and maketh every part there clean so will I the Lord thy God do unto the O, Zion,-----

7th Watch Wednesday morning commenced at half past 2 Awake Awake O Zion Awake Awake to the voice of me the Watchman of the night for behold there are thine within thy borders who have spoken against the Lords anointed neither have they brought the same to the light but O a la van sa I will discover their unrighteousness and cause them to feel ashamed before my face,-----

8th Watch Thursday Morning half after 2 o'clock Awake O Zion Awake Awake to the voice of me the watchman of the night for behold Zion shall be tried and prospered and shall come forth as gold seven times tried in the fire and blessed are they who wait continually to the end but what I say unto one I say unto all watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation,-----

9th Watch Friday morning Awake O Zion Awake Awake to the voice of me the holy Angel of Power and judgment who continues to visit thy shores for behold when Zion shall be humbled and her judgments laid low then my holy Angel of sweet repentance shall visit thy shores ever rejoicing

Polly Clark

A Proclamation given Union Village
the 24th of January in the
year of Forty Seven

Will ye be dup'd by satan's host
Or shrink at any horrid ghost
Arise with zeal and clear the coast
Of every base deceiver
Wile ye give way to unbelief
And harbor such a noted thief
And cause such sorrow pain & grief
Among the simple hearted
Without a change the spirit saith
Such as have gain'd a living faith
Will have to feel the pangs of death
And from you they'll be parted
If opposition should prevail
You'll have to hear the doleful tale
For God will draw the parting veil
Of actual separation
As God is true the time is short
With all your unrepentant pride and sport
You'll have to make this true report
You're off a true foundation

A man of God appear'd of late
From Lebanon that blessed seat
And satan cannot immitate
The words he did deliver
He sung this little lovely song
In union with the heavenly throng
To show their love and zeal is strong
To every good believer
As we pass by we feel them near
And give their souls refreshing cheer
And say come on the way is clear
Into the new creation

This precious road was plainly shewn
In years that's past in days that's gone
And now is free to every one
That truly wants salvation
O why for bondage will ye plead
Dost this become the woman's seed
To give the flabe the blindest lead
Over the true believers